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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Sirs,

Although a citizen of a European Community country, and not a U.S. citizen, I'd like to have my objections on the proposed Microsoft settlement on record.

The proposed settlement will not reverse the harm done by Microsoft as a result of its unlawful actions. Instead, it attempts to prevent them from continuing these actions. To most every prohibition listed, however, there is an "except" clause, listing in vague terms the conditions under which Microsoft would be exempt from the restriction.

It is clear that this will make enforcement impossible, since costly lawsuits will be needed to stop any perceived infringement. This is out of reach for most competitors. It certainly is for companies like mine.

Therefore it is clear that the proposed settlement is ineffective and insufficient. In fact, it will freeze the current situation, which has been established as a consequence of Microsoft's unlawful actions.

Finally, I'd like to point out the harm done to the U.S. international reputation. The sudden reversal of position by the DOJ upon the instatement of Mr. Bush's government has not gone unnoticed, and was in fact expected. Western civilisation is based on separation of powers. The current situation is perceived as a vaudeville. It severely undermines the credibility of the United States as a Western civilized nation.

Thank you for your attention,

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